
DIGEST

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HB No. 436

Abstract: Repeals the licensure requirement that a funeral director be a resident of La. Repeals the licensure requirement that a crematory retort operator be a resident of La. Prohibits anyone from engaging in the business of funeral directing or embalming unless the business is conducted by a duly licensed La. funeral establishment.

Present law provides that any applicant shall be qualified for licensuree as funeral director if the applicant:

- (1) Is a resident of La., and 21 years of age or at least 18 years of age and legally emancipated.
- (2) Is found to be of good moral character and temperate habits.
- (3) Has successfully completed 30 semester hours in an accredited college or university.
- (4) Has served as an apprentice for a period of not less than one year in the state of La.
- (5) Has paid the application fee.
- (6) Passes satisfactorily an examination to practice the profession of funeral directing.

Proposed law deletes the requirement that a funeral director be a resident of Louisiana.

Present law prohibits anyone from engaging in the business of funeral directing or embalming as defined in present law unless the business is conducted by a duly licensed funeral establishment.

Proposed law retains present law but adds the requirement that the funeral establishment be located in La.

Present law provides that, in order to receive a license as a crematory retort operator, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Be a resident of La. who is at least 21 years old or is at least 18 years old and is legally emancipated.
- (2) Is found to be of good moral character and possesses temperate habits.
- (3) Is a graduate of a high school as evidenced by a diploma or general education development certificate.
- (4) Has successfully completed a required training course.
- (5) Has submitted evidence of the attainment of all necessary licenses and permits as required by the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.
- (6) Has submitted the appropriate application along with the appropriate license fee.

Proposed law deletes the requirement that a crematory retort operator be a resident of La.

(Amends R.S. 37:842(A)(1), 848(C), and 872(B)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

1. Added the prohibition that no person shall engage in the business of funeral directing or embalming unless the business is conducted by a duly licensed La. funeral establishment.